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## NEWS BRIEFS

### Ex-Governor to speak

Former Governor and member of the Board of Trustees, Edmund G. "Jerry" Brown will be sponsored by Valley Green to speak at the upcoming Health Fair Expo.

Brown will speak on general wellness, environmental issues and about health care.

He is scheduled to speak on April 16 at 10 a.m. in Monarch Square. There will be a question and answer session at the end of the presentation. Brown will run for the senate in 1992.

### Health Expo to begin

The 1991 Valley Health Fair Expo will offer something for eveyone during April 16 - 18.

The fair will include free health screenings, many speakers, and a comical political traveling group that has received rave reviews all over the country.

Indecent Exposure, a musical, political cabaret, will cover such topics as saving the earth's creatures and world peace in a one hour show.

The show will be in Monarch Hall on April 18 at 6 p.m.

Some of the health screenings that will be offered are: scoliosis, blood pressure, visual acuity, oral health screening, and many others.

New screenings included for this year's fair are a stress reduction learning center, a body composition test, and a computerized health risk appraisal.

Other events scheduled include an abortion debate between Collegians for life and the pro-choice energizers on April 16 at 11 a.m. in Monarch Square. The Pro-Choice Energizers will also host a guest speaker Heather Richie, and will show a film "Abortion Denied".

### Student Bicycles Stolen

In the past month, there has been an increase in bicycle thefts due to students leaving bikes here over the weekends.

"We've had a rash of bike thefts in the last month," said officer Spence Gosenon. "The number is way higher than normal."

Gosenon said that four bikes have been stolen in the last month and a half, one of them a three-wheel Schwinn that was left over a weekend and the other a mountain bike that was left over spring break.

He added that most of the bikes stolen are secured with chains or cable.

Gosenon recommends that students take bikes home on the weekends and take time to invest in a better way of securing bikes.

"Because of the increase in bike thefts, we recommend a cryptonite bar that is currently on the market instead of chains or cable," said Gosenon.

### Art Show Continues

June Harwood's *Recent Paintings* will continue to be exhibited Monday-Thursday, 11 a.m.-3 p.m. and 7-9 p.m., through April 18.

# Forensics places fifth in nation

By JENNIFER CASE
News Editor

After two years of trying to regenerate the Los Angeles Valley College Forensics team, Marty Taras and Betty Ballew, co-directors of the team, have managed to put together a team that took fifth place out of 75 schools in the Phi Rho Pi national speech competition last weekend.

The team went into the competition with a large disadvantage because they missed the cutoff by one person to compete with the smaller schools. However, the team still took eighth place in the overall sweepstakes as well as fifth place in individual events.

"We felt at a real disadvantage," first year member Noel Harling said about competing with big schools which had up to as many as 14 members.

Jeff Trinton, a two-year member of the team, said they competed well with the big schools. "Everyone brought something [an award] home," he said.

Rod O' Neal, another member of the team, said the they went in feeling positive even though they were deficient of someone to compete in two of the categories in the competition. "We prepared all year long," he said.

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**TALKING UP A STORM** — Pictured from right to left are LAVC forensics team members Charles Finance, Lisa Blum, Batty Ballew (Co-director), Rod O' Neal, Debra Sprenkil, Noel Harling and Jeff Trinton.

Some of the categories that the team competed in were interpretation of prose, informative speaking, persuasive speaking, speaking to entertain and communication analysis.

In the category of prose, bronze medals were given to Tracy Sutter, Lisa Blum, Jeff Trinton, and Rod O' Neal. For informative speaking, Charles Finance and Harling got gold medals. Debra Sprenkil was also awarded with a bronze medal in that category.

For persuasive speaking Harling took a gold, and in the category of speech to entertain, O' Neal received a gold. In addition, for communication analysis and for oral interpretation, Trinton took silvers for each.

Although the team is for the most part considered beginners, Ballew said they are all "a bunch of workers".

"This team did amazingly well considering the fact that we virtually have a team of novices," she said.

Even for two-year members like Trinton, preparing is still very important and time consuming.

"We've worked hard all year preparing," he said. "Through the competitions we've gone to all year, we've worked out the things that bothered the judges so we'd do better at nationals."

Ballew said nationals is what they work toward all year, and as a result they work hard.

On March 15, 16, and 17 they competed at the state level which is also part of the process of preparing for nationals.

In addition to Valley's placing fourth out of 37 schools at the state level, many members took awards in individual events.

For prose, Trinton received a gold, O' Neal a silver, while Spenkil and Blum each took abronze. For persuasive, Harling got the gold, and Finance and Blum took a silver. For informative, Sutter took a gold, and for dramatic interpratation Blum recieved a silver.

O' Neal attributes their overall success to the team itself. "We're strong as a team, and that's what pulled us through to the end," he said.

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**HARD AT WORK** — Trustees Knox, Conner, Wu and Lopez-Lee at the last Board meeeting.

# Incumbents fill seats

By JENNIFER CASE
News Editor

The Los Angeles Community College District will only see one new member on it's board of trustees this term.

The incumbents on the ballot all got re-elected, and received more than the 50 percent of the votes that were needed to avoid a runoff.

However, the two leading contenders for the open seat, Paul Koretz, and Kenneth Washington, will go head to head in a runoff on June fourth.

The winners for the three seats were Wallace Knox with a clear majority of the votes, Julia Wu, and David Lopez-Lee with a strong win as well.

Another item to affect community colleges was Peoposition C. This $200 million dollar bond measure would've been used to repair buildings and other capital improvements, however it failed to get the 66 percent of the votes it needed to pass.

The bond measure would have costed the average homeowner about $2.35 per year for the next 30 years it would take to repay the bonds, supporters of the bond previously estimated.

Each college would have received $20 million from the measure if it passed, and some of the construction to complete the colleges would have finallybeencompleted.

However, to no avail, supporters of the measure spent more than $100,000 to try to get people to vote and hopefully get the bond passed.

Leaders of the Proposition campaign knew it would be an uphill battle to get it passed when voters had only given the required two-thirds vote to one community college district in the last seven years.

However, advocates of Proposition C were counting on students, faculty, and district employees to flood the polls with "yes" votes to pass the measure.

# *Teacher witnesses history in the making*

By AVI OBLIGENARZ
and JENNIFER CASE
Staff Writer
and News Editor

For the first time in more than 50 years, the citizens of a united Germany voted as one in the recent country-wide elections. Donald Schmidt, a political science and American history instructor at LAVC, flew to Germany last December to observe this historic event.

In a presentation entitled, "Germany's First Unification," Schmidt will tell about what is going on in the "new" Germany.

The presentation will include slides and will be held on Monday, April 15, in the cafeteria conference room at 12:15 p.m.

Schmidt joined other professors from around the country on a study tour of the reunited Germany.

The group met experts on German history, politics, economics and government who are involved in the historic reunification.

The tour was organized by the Institute for Inter-European Matters of East Berlin.

"This institute encourages international understanding by bringing scholars from all around the world into Germany to study European matters," explained Schmidt.

Dr. Mary Lee, president of LAVC, found out about the tour during her trip to East Europe last summer, and suggested it to Schmidt.

The United States visitors saw and analyzed the elections on Dec. 3 during a panel discussion before their return on Dec. 4.

Schmidt said the additional information on the newly united Germany is information that will be useful in his classes because "American history has been part of European history, foreign policy and economic ideology," he said.

Schmidt believes his political science students will gain as well from his short trip. "It gives me better insight on how another country operates its elections, how they finance them and how the government structure is arranged," Schmidt said.

The tour is being financed by the Valley College staff development program.

# LAVC professor appointed to state legislative council

By SUSAN M. TYRRELL
Editor in Chief

Concern about misleading food labeling led a Los Angeles Valley College professor to a special state legislative council in the hopes of rectifying the situation.

Jeanne Polak, professor of family and consumer studies and English at LAVC, was one of the health professionals appointed to the council by Assemblywoman Jaclyn Speier.

"She [Speier] is very interested in health issues and concerned over labeling practices, misleading labels and false health claims. She wanted professionals to make recommendations to the state legislature and the federal government on labeling," Polak said.

By law only four things have to appear on a label, Polak said. Only when food processors make a health claim (like "lite" or "high fiber") is nutrition labeling required.

"My pet peeve is when [a food processor] claims a product is cholesterol free," Polak said. "when they make a claim like that, they frequently take a product that is naturally cholesterol free and say that. They imply they've taken something out of it."

"This is a decision that affects everybody," Polak said. "We looked at labels as they are now constituted, at the public's understanding of food labeling and foods with no labels at all."

While the council was studying the matter, Congress decided to pass its own bill on nutrition labeling. The Food and Drug Administration, simultaneously, was rewriting its regulations concerning labeling.

The bill by Congress still has to be implemented, Polak said. Even if it is, it won't be enforced for one-two years because food manufacturers have to be allowed opportunity to use up their current labels.

The biggest labeling concern of the council was foods that are void of labeling. Especially meats , fruits and vegetables, supermarket deli foods and restaurant foods.

The FDA, however, does not control meats, the United States Department of Agriculture does. The USDA has not yet moved to change meat labels.

Polak is happy with the efforts at LAVC's cafeteria to aid in nutrition. "Albert Fiero, our cafeteria manager, is very aware," Polak said. "Since he's been here, he's put in a salad bar and added ethnic foods to the menu.

"Most people don't know this, but it is possible to get a vegetarian meal in the cafeteria at any time. They serve a variety, if students would just choose the right foods."

Polak said the work of the council was to make recommendations to the state legislature about labeling. "When the legislature goes into their next session, they will handle it, most likely in the fall."

Polak was selected for the council because she was a registered dietician and a professor at a community college who was in touch with the public. The council heard of her through her volunteer work with the American Heart Association, where she has been a volunteer for the past 18 years.

## —STAR EDITORIAL—

# Money for lawyers, but none for education

The Los Angeles Community College District is broke. Since September, 1,971 classes have been cut and dozens of part-time instructors have been laid off.

Unless the $200 million bond measure is passed this April, a feat which is very doubtful, more cuts will have to be made.

While the quality of education continues to suffer, LACCD appears to have ample resources for its legal affairs.

These ample resources could more properly be termed misapportioned or, better yet, mismanaged funds.

LACCD currently employs two in-house lawyers. Their salary is approximately $25 an hour, compared to an out-side law firm's $200 an hour fee. Yet, the districts in-house department consistently recommends hiring private law firms to handle legal issues. Last year alone, the LACCD spent $1.1 million in legal fees.

As one board member, Patrick Owens, put it, "You can't keep spending money on the wrong things and keep providing educational services."

These words of wisdom appear to have fallen on deaf ears.

To complicate the issue, no less than four staff lawyers have gone to work for law firms that do or have done business with the district.

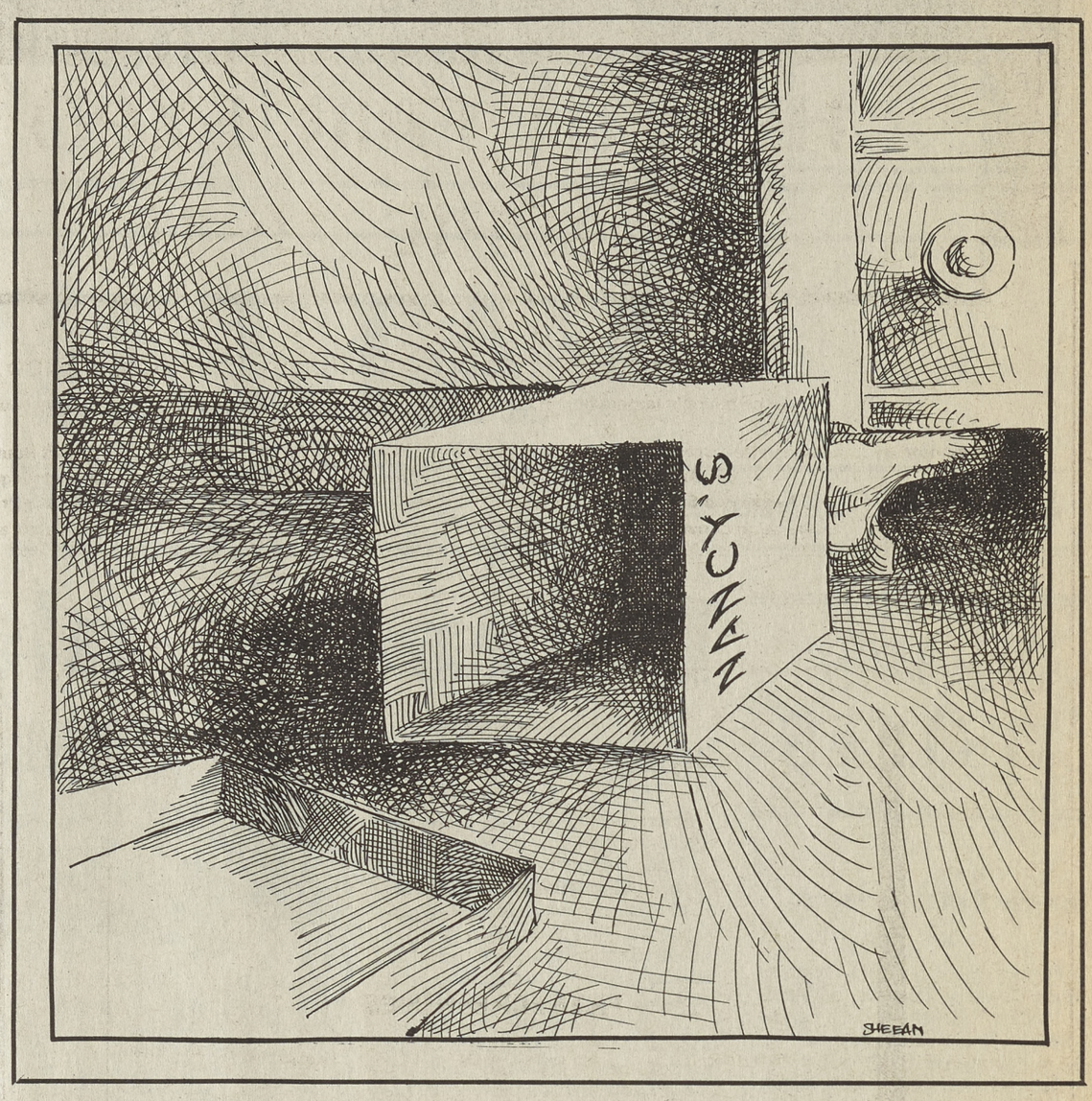
While no one is accusing anyone of any wrong doing, such an arrangement does raise the question of ethics.

It would be in the best interest of the district to cut all ties to these former district lawyers and their new law firms. Not only would it reduce expenditures, it would help erase part of an already tarnished image of the LACCD.

Another viable step would be to hire a third in-house lawyer and make optimal use of the skills of all three.

While creating another position for a third lawyer may create a negative public perception, it surely would not rival the negative response heard today concerning the hiring of unneeded, over-priced, private lawyers.

There is too much money being wasted on legal fees and not enough being spent on education. With careful planning, LACCD can stretch their budget much further toward the betterment of the educational process.




# *Oh God... I can't believe I'm reading a book*

By JOE DON LEWIS
News Feature Editor

I...I love to read! There, I finally admitted it and I'm not-taking it back no matter what you might think. Not only that, I..I've even read...classics...of my own free will! Oh, God. This is harder than I thought it would be.

I started out innocent enough. I just went to my local library one day, looking to check out some magazines for an assignment in my humanities class. However, on the way out I stopped by a book carousel in simple curiosity, and after a few twirls suddenly found myself paging through William Golding's, *Lord of the Flies*.

Looking nervously around me, like some degenerate criminal, I quickly scanned the area. Seeing that I was free and clear, I walked casually over to the librarian, checked out the book and rushed out the door in shame.

I had seen the movie, the original British version, I thought to myself, quickly making up an excuse for my gross transgression. If anyone should ask, I thought ignorantly, I could defend my honor by saying I was trying to compare the two for a film class, or something. Yeah...yeah.

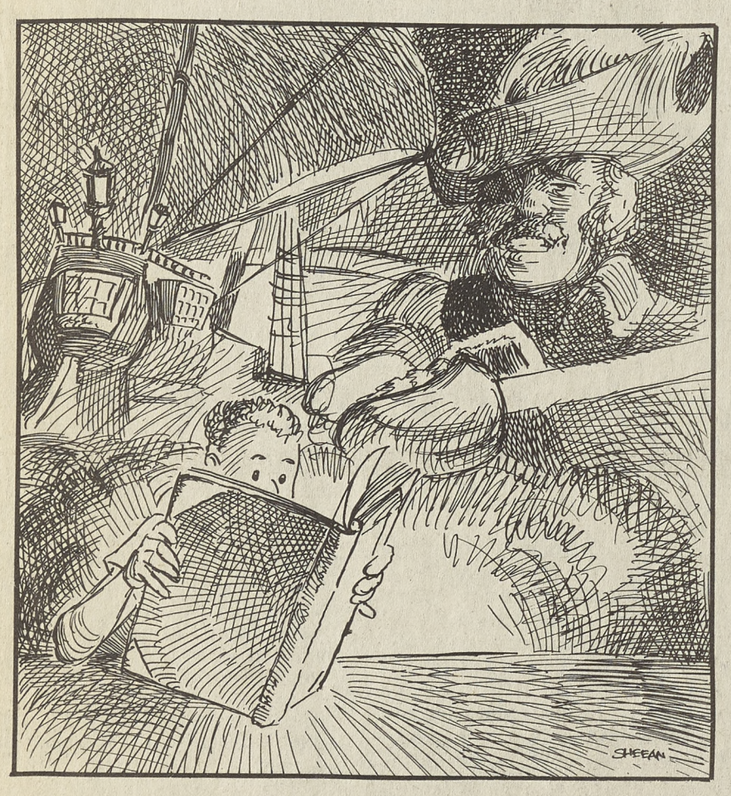
Little did I know I had reached a turning point in my life. Yes, it was inevitable that I would be caught. A pure case of fatalism if ever I saw one. I realized, a little sadly, that I could never attend another Y.A.W.N. rally (Youths Against Writers of the Novel).

In fact, I had committed a double felony, punishable by estrangement to the General Youth Committee. My fine, they tell me, is forthcoming by mail.

You see, not only had I read a verifiable classic, but I had had the audacity to pick out a classic just for the fun of it! Imagine. What is worse, I enjoyed it. I even found the moralistic ending enlightening. The horror...the horror (for those of you who caught it, pardon the pun).

I remember being caught in my violation quite vividly. I was quietly paging through the jungle, in my humanities class, trying to figure out just how in hell a conch-shell could be so damned important when a former comrade in arms (i.e. a student bearing a sharp pencil) asked a simple question and exposed me for what I truly was.

"I'm sorry?" I asked, carelessly. With part of my brain still swimming in a tropical Eden, I had forgotten my alibi. "I was in the middle of my book and didn't hear your question."




The young woman before me, who had never spoken to me before, took on an immediate expression of both sorrow and sympathy as she repeated her question: "I asked which class you were reading that for." She said sweetly, as if trying to comfort my pain.

"Ah, this," I said innocently, holding my blasphemy up high for all to see. "I just grabbed it from the library because it looked interesting." In my honest excitement of the book, I unwittingly revealed my sin. I began to explain various scenarios and subtle meanings in the book with mounting enthusiasm and not an ounce of dread.

I had just broached the illusive conch-shell when I noticed, too late, her expression had gone from understanding and solace to surprise and complete disgust.

"You mean you're reading it," she stammered. "Just because you want to?" She seemed to be having trouble grasping the concept.

"Well, yeah," I said, now suddenly confused. "I mean, no. Nobody made me read it." I confessed, feeling like the little boy who gets caught with his hand in the cookie jar.

Quickly, my mind raced through half a dozen excuses that would redeem myself, but it was too late. The teacher suddenly walked into the room and the girl quickly dismissed me as a certifiable loony.

Come to think of it, that was the last time she sat next to me all semester. Aaah, the injustices I must pay at the cost of a classic.

It is no small secret that classics today are considered by the younger generation as something akin to the plague. No student, much less an average youth, will in their right minds pick up a classic of their own volition. God forbid!

In the younger generation's mind there are only two valid reasons why a classic should be read, let alone touched: 1. You are a student and you have no choice and, 2. You are among that mysterious class commonly known to the young as "those old people," for which they will never belong.

Oh, sure, there are young people today who read famous poets, you might argue, but any serious connoisseur of poetry is without question disturbed and definitely not a part of the general youth populace.

Being a student, on the other hand, is a perfect explanation for why you may be reading that thousand-page beast, *War and Peace*. The effort will even win you a large amount of sympathy from those around you if you complain loud enough and manage the right facial contortions of loathing and disgust.

Sad, but true. The younger generation shuns the word *classic*, and commonly deem the classic as a month or more long death sentence.

However, there are those, like myself, who discover with some surprise, and not a little foreboding, that they actually enjoy reading a classic. Which, my friend, means you have entered the dead zone of "those old people." Yes, age and the classic have become synonymous for the young.

Youths, who are not quite sure how it happens (and often avoid the question because they are afraid of the answer), don't exactly know why "those old people" begin to read classics in the first place.

Most like to believe that they wander into some library and fall prey to an innocent, but deadly, looking classic, never to return. Hence, libraries are considered dark and dangerous places to be avoided at all costs.

Every youth knows, for instance, that next to a student, the next largest crowd are "those old people," followed by the wandering insane.

Even I keep asking myself why I picked this classic of doom. I don't consider myself one of "those old people." Then again, I don't think I ever will, or that anyony else will for that matter.

If not age, what then? It may be that I suffer from some sort of post-hypnotic stress disorder, obviously the result of too may English related courses. Or worse, I could be suffering from some rare form of the aging process that has only so far managed to attack my intellect. I don't know for certain.

However, I must say with honesty that classics really are interesting and fun to read. There, I said it. Hang me by my toes if you will, but classics really do have something to say if you can just get over this silly self-installed trepidation of them.

I must admit, not all classics are winners for everyone, but that's alright because there are plenty of others to choose from. With a little experimentation I can guarantee you will find a classic that will not only be interesting, but will encourage you to consider the world in a new light.

If it's humor you like, for-example, try reading J.D. Salinger's, *Catcher In the Rye*, Steinbeck's, *Cannery Row*, Mark Twain's, *The Adventures of Huckleberry Finn*, or Lord Byron's, *Don Juan*.

What's that? You want action, intrigue and romance? Try Shakespeare's, *Othello*, Homer's, *The Illiad* and *The Odyssey*, Ellison's, *Invisible Man*, *Mary Shelley's, Frankenstein*, or Lawrence's, *Sons and Lovers*, and many, many more.

Well, I've preached long enough. I feel like an Oral Roberts reject, minus the eight million dollars. The rest is up to you. I hope I've justified my interest in classics and that interest really has more to do with it than age. At least you can say you tried.

Me. I figure I'm a rogue. A lone wolf if you will of the literary world. I will go where no youth has gone before.

And, maybe someday another generation of youths will come to understand my endeavors and follow in my footsteps.

I'll be respected, a regular James Dean of the book reading world. Young people will follow me in droves along the path of enlightenment and wisdom..NAAAAAW!

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Letters should be signed and, if applicable, include student's major and ID number. Letters may be presented to the Valley Star office, Bungalow 25, by Monday for the following Thursday.

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## Focusing On Health Issues

### Tuesday, April 16

| Time: | Program | Location |
|---|---|---|
| 10am | **Health Issues of the '90s and Politics**<br>Edmund "Jerry" Brown Jr., *Former Governor of California* | *Monarch Square* |
| 11am | **Pro-Choice vs Pro-Life Debate**<br>*Moderator:* Mike Vivian, *Professor of Sociology*<br>***Speakers: Pro-Choice:***<br>Carol Sobel, *Attorney, ACLU*<br>Eddie Tobash, *Attorney, California Abortion Rights Action League*<br>***Speakers: Pro-Life:***<br>Susan Odom, *Operation Rescue*<br>Gregg Cunningham, *Attorney*<br>*Director of the Center for Bio-Ethical Reform* | *Monarch Square* |
| 6pm | **Eating Disorders**<br>Robert Burchuk, M.D.<br>*Northridge Hospital* | *Campus Center Fireside Room* |

### Wednesday, April 17

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| 10am | **RAPE: Impact on College Campuses**<br>J. J. Wolf, *LAVC Campus Police, Former LAPD*<br>Rudy De La Torre, *Administration of Justice, former California Attorney General's Office, Criminal Investigation*<br>**Marital Rape**<br>Jae Levine Weiss, *Workshop Facilitator, Haven Hills* | *Monarch Square* |
| 7pm | **Rape: Impact on College Campuses**<br>Gail Billingbeck, PhD, MFCC, *Clinical Director, Haven Hills*<br>**Rape —Trauma Victims**<br>Joanna Macia Lettieri, MA, MFCC, *Haven Hills* | *Campus Center Fireside Room* |

### Thursday, April 18

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| 10am | **Date Rape/Campus Rape**<br>Helaine Esterson, LCSW<br>*Santa Monica Rape Treatment Center* | *Monarch Hall* |
| 12Noon | **Impact of War on Human Health**<br>Jon Perez, PhD, *LifePLUS Trauma Recovery Team*<br>Mary Dooley, RN, MPH<br>Sandra Salazar, *La Clinica Monsignor Romero*<br>Ana Deutsch, MA, MFCC<br>Michael Causey, *Brotherhood Crusade* | *Monarch Hall* |
| 7pm | **Date Rape**<br>Mike Vivian, *Professor of Sociology*<br>Rene Williams, *Pasadena Rape Crisis Center* | *Monarch Hall* |

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# *True Colors* — only shades of green

By FRAN EBLINGS
Staff Writer

John Cusack and James Spader star in *True Colors*, a film that looks at the values and ethics of the generation that came of age in the 1980s through a story of friendship, betrayal and revenge.

The drama was directed by Herbert Ross who, with Lawrence Mark, co-produced *Working Girl.*

Mark has teamed once again with screenwriter Kevin Wade on a brilliant screenplay that is sure to attract Oscar attention come next year.

The film opens as Peter Burton (Cusack) and Tim Garrity (Spader) arrive at law school at the University of Virginia.

Garrity is from an affluent Connecticut family. Burton, in contrast, grew up with an alcoholic father who drove his wife away when Burton was just 10 years old.

Burton is ashamed of his past and tries to conceal it. When he and Garrity run into some old friends of Burton's from high school, he is forced to tell the truth. This brings the two college roommates closer together.

On New Year's Eve, 1983, Burton vows to be elected to public office within the decade. In the years that follow, their friendship seems solid, but then their values clash. Garrity is dedicated to justice and Burton to an unscrupulous pursuit of power.

Richard Widmark plays Senator Stiles, who hires Burton to his administrative staff. Imogen Stubbs plays the senator's daughter, Diana, with whom Garrity is in love. It is clear from their first meeting that Burton is also attracted to her.

In the end it is Burton who marries her. Garrity's friendship is severely tested here but survives, at least for the moment.

Mandy Patinkin plays a corrupt businessman, John Palmeri. Palmeri and his friends back Burton's campaign in return for future "favors." Philip Bosco plays Senator Steubens, who becomes a subject of Burton's political maneuvers.

***"This movie is about the conflict of two young men with opposite goals."***
***—Herbert Ross, director***

"*True Colors* is a film about choices," says Ross and "about how we choose to live our lives. In the '80s, these choices became polarized as we saw the youth of that generation corrupted by material greed. This movie is about the conflict of two young men with opposite goals."

Garrity's commitment to his friendship finally ends when he finds out that Burton has thrown him to the wolves. Palmeri had forced him to use Garrity in order to get a fat construction deal from the state. His superiors at the Justice Department convince him to go undercover in Burton's campaign where he will become privy to Burton's unsavory dealings.

It all comes to a head on election night when the sting operation is to end with Burton's arrest. Burton does win the election but is arrested right after his acceptance speech.

Garrity, however, is horrified by his own actions against Burton, feeling he is no better than his friend.

His superiors at the Justice Department congratulate him on a job well done. Seeing Garrity's remorse and self-hatred for his actions against his friend, they tell him, "You don't own it till it costs you something." These are words Garrity will never forget.

The characters in this film are reminiscent of the kinds of people in the '80s who were allowed to gain national attention and success, sometimes with the help of the government: the Jim Bakkers or the Ivan Boeskys.

*True Colors*, a Paramount Pictures release, ranks up there with movies like *Citizen Kane* and *A Face in the Crowd.*

**LISTEN UP** — John Cusack (left) and James Spader star as Peter Burton and Tim Garity in *True Colors.* This Paramount produced drama looks at the values and ehtichs of the generation that came of age in the '80s through a story of friendship, betrayal and revenge.

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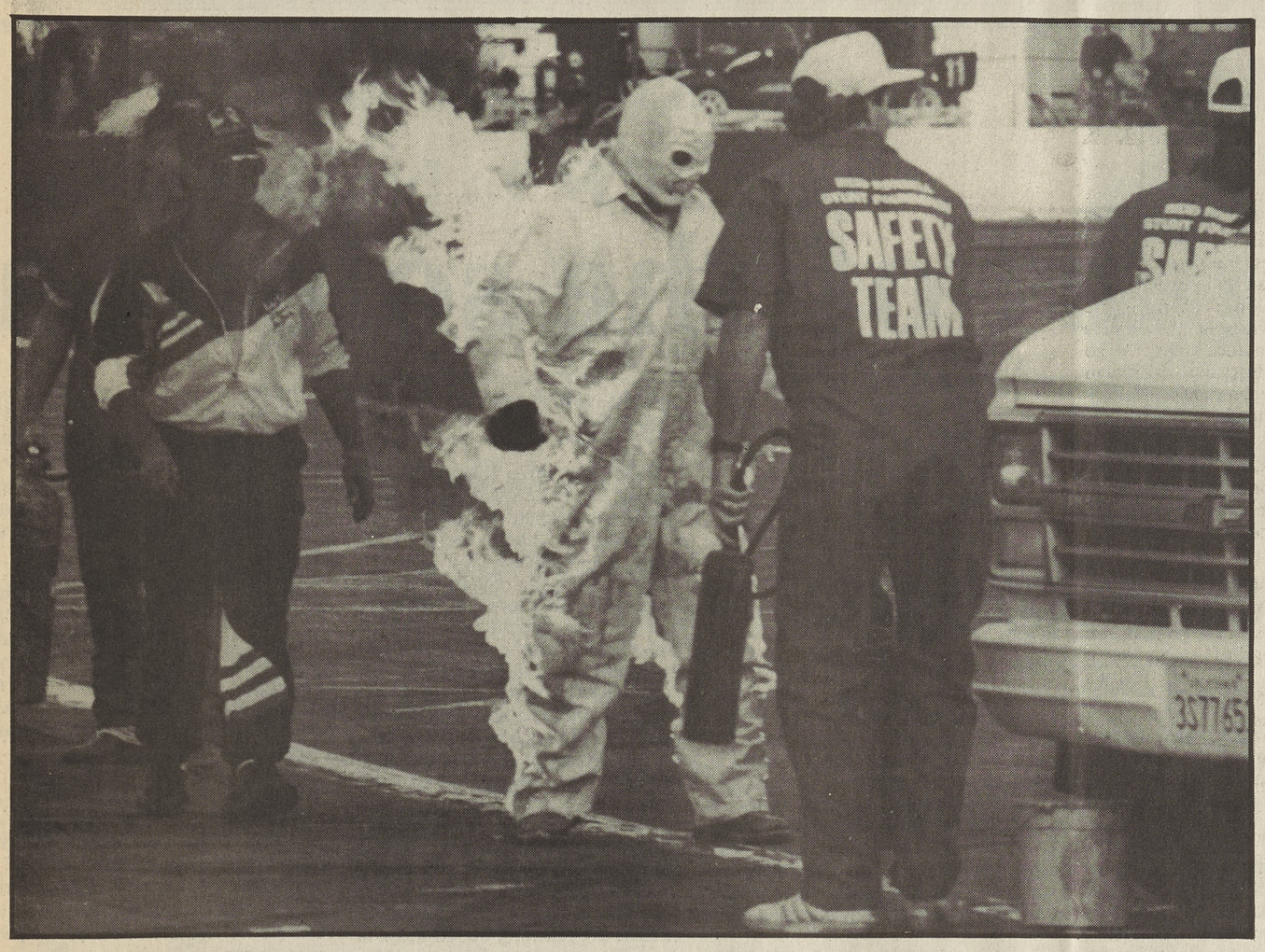


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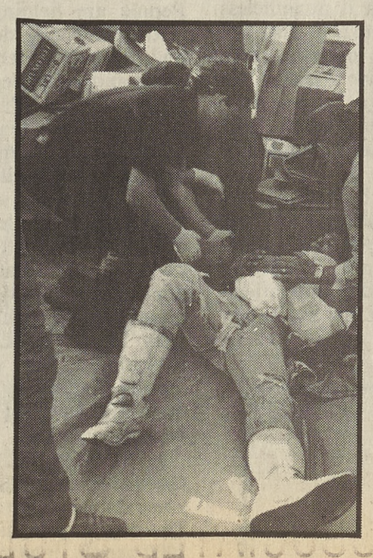

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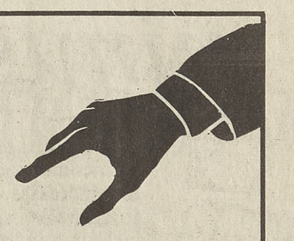

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## *Homeless*

# If you're not part of the solution

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# Homelessness over violence

By JAE LEVINE WEISS
Staff Writer

Karen Scott had it all. She had a rich husband. She had a million dollar ranch in Malibu. She had a brand new car. She had three beautiful children. Four years ago she suddenly became destitute. Karen had become abattered woman. To save her own life she ran from the security of her beautiful home, straight into homelessness.

"He would get in these alcoholic violent rages that were so scary," Scott says of her husband. He had kept her imprisoned on the isolated ranch hidden deep in Malibu Canyon. There had been beatings, verbal abuse, and threats that he would use one of his many guns to kill her. The danger kept escalating.

"I had to flee for my life," she explains. "When I first left, I had to leave my kids there, grab my purse and just run. I just got in my car and started driving. I didn't know where I was going."

She arrived at the home of some friends at two in the morning. "I went to their house and knocked on the door." Surprised, but sympathetic, her friends let her in.

Despite the fact that she had no idea what to do next, or how she would get by, Scott did not want to leave her children with her violent husband. The next day, she says, "I found out the three kids were home alone, so I went straight up there and grabbed them."

Scott brought the children to the home of her friends, but knew she could not stay there long, as it was the first place her husband would look for her.

"So I went to the cheapest hotel I could find," she says. "Then I called Haven Hills Battered Women's Hotline, and they thought that I should come to the shelter." But Scott decided not to go to the shelter, "because," she explains, "I had $200.00 in cash, so I thought I would be OK. I thought shelters were for poor people," she adds. "I still had money in my pocket so I didn't think I qualified."

Scott continued to spend the little money she had left on motel rooms. Things were difficult, but at least her family was safe. Then came the disaster that Scott had dreaded.

"Two days after Easter Vacation ended I felt guilty about keeping the kids out of school," she explains. "So I took them to school after making the arrangement that the school principal and a girlfriend of mine were both to call me if he showed up."

Despite the precautions, Scott's husband was waiting for her when she showed up at the school. "He flipped out," she says, "and physically pulled the kids out of the car, even yanking out the baby without even unstrapping the car seat."

Distraught, and unwilling to abandon her children, Scott decided to return home overnight, hoping she could stay safe long enough to get a chance to take them with her again.

"I went back up there and stayed the night. The next morning he took the kids to school, which he had never done before, and I knew he was never going to leave me alone with the kids."

Scott's therapist was terrified about the danger she perceived her client to be in. "I called up my therapist," Scott explains, "and she said "Get out of that house now while you still can." The therapist told her the situation was so perilous that she she should not stay there one more minute, even if it meant leaving the older children behind.

"So I threw a couple things in a bag for the baby and me, and I drove and drove and drove. I don't even know where I wound up. I just wanted to get as far away from him as I could," she says. "I wound up at some outrageously expensive motel in Simi Valley."

"Then I went to the readyteller window to get money to pay the bill, but my card wouldn't work. He had closed the account. Suddenly penniless, at that time Scott first realized the terrible consequences of her flight.

"I ended up borrowing a few dollars from friends in order to cover my expenses until I was able to sell my car," Scott says. "I bought an 18 year old car from a friend and ended up back at the cheap hotel that I had stayed at."

Using the money she made from the sale of her car, Scott and her baby stayed in 8 or 10 different places in order to hide from her husband who was actively pursuing her.

Still involved in a grueling custody battle, Scott is nonetheless doing just fine. She now has her own apartment, new interests, and a network of supportive friends. She has just returned to school as a Community College student, and looks forward to establishing a new career.

She will never forget the experience of homelessness. "It was the scariest thing I ever did," Scott says. "There aren't words to describe it." Scott adds emphatically, "it was worth it for my sanity and my safety."

DAVID KINEL / Valley Star

# *The homeless are people just like you, minus two paychecks*

By JAE LEVINE WEISS
Staff Writer

A couple huddles under a drug store awning on Ventura Blvd., seeking protection from the rain. They hold a sign that says, "Please feed the homeless. God Bless You." Down the street a toothless old man flags down cars, promising to, "work for food."

As the supermarket customers wheel their grocery-laden carts past the barefoot, ruddy-faced woman with the German Shepherd at her side, she asks for handouts for, "me and Sam." She sleeps outdoors, even in bad weather, because, she explains, "shelters don't take dogs," and she refuses to be separated from her companion.

A raggedy man in a hooded sweatshirt and grimy blue jeans sits on a bus bench in front of Winchell's Donuts sipping coffee and playing a beat up guitar.

It is hard not to be aware of the homeless in our community. They are not just alcoholics and schizophrenics gathered on "skid row" on the "bad side of town." They are Vietnam Veterans, corporate merger discards, displaced homemakers, senior citizens on fixed incomes too low to keep up with rent increases, battered wives fleeing for their lives, and whole families, including infants and little children, sleeping in cars. They are everywhere we go. They are everywhere we look. They are our neighbors.

According to Bonnie Robie of Better Valley Services, without including the undocumented aliens and runaway populations, there are over 150,000 homeless people in Los Angeles County, and 32,000 are children. There are only 7,000 shelter beds in the entire county, and funding cuts have severely jeopardized the programs that do exist.

In the San Fernando Valley, there are only three shelters and only one of them, Valley Shelter, accommodates men. With a reported 77 rooms, its doors are reportedly open to everyone, including drug and alcohol abusers, the mentally ill, and ex-convicts. According to Robie, Valley Shelter can be a pretty scary place for children. When contacted, Valley Shelter's representatives declined to comment about their program.

There are 15 beds available to newly homeless women and their children at Womens Care Cottage in North Hollywood, which just opened in November of last year. Lori Shaw, the shelter's Case Manager, says that although their day center provides food and other necessities as well as referral and counseling services to chronically homeless women, because of their limited resources, the residential services can be extended only to those most likely to benefit from the opportunity.

Haven Hills Family Violence Center, which also provides outreach services to their clients, has a six unit, thirty bed shelter for battered women and their children. Haven Hills' shelter provides counseling, an on-site school, food, clothing and safety. Families can remain in residence for 30 days.

All totaled, there are under 150 shelter beds in the entire San Fernando Valley, and the organizations that provide them are all being hit by crippling budget cuts. According to Shaw, solutions to homelessness seem to be most possible when intervention comes before the situation becomes hopeless.

But when there are not enough beds, services, or funds, far too little is available to provide much needed help.

According to Robie, the problem is only getting worse. As the cost of living increases, as unemployment rises, as AFDC Grants continue to keep families with dependent children 20 percent below the national poverty level, as people are turned out of their affordable housing to make way for expensive condo conversions, as once marketable skills and trades become outdated, as less and less funding is provided for social services, more and more people are in the streets or are hungry.

"Rents in California have soared 375 percent over the last 20 years," says Robie, "Housing is 50-90 percent of an average household's budget. Put another way, it takes four minimum wage earner's salaries to pay the rent on a twobedroom apartment."

If you are lucky enough to have a roof over your head, don't feel too smug, she warns. Whenever she is asked who the homeless are, Robie says her stock reply is, "The homeless are people just like you, minus two pay checks."

By JAE LEVINE WEISS
Staff Writer

People are often filled with conflicting and confusing emotions when approached by a homeless panhandler. They feel angry, frustrated, helpless and guilty. Handing over the requested change obviously won't solve the problem, and yet just avoiding eye contact and locking the car door won't make the situation go away.

It is hard not to respond to the pleading eyes of a homeless woman or the frantic cry of a hungry baby, but many people don't know what they can do to be part of the solution.

Ironically, while homelessness rises at alarming rates, budget cuts have severely impaired the ability of programs to provide services to the homeless community. Concerned citizens are reaching out to those in need. There are lots of ways to help. People are helping soup kitchens distribute food, donating clothing and toiletries, throwing charity balls, and volunteering their time.

Sharing doesn't have to be a financial burden. During the holidays, for example, rather than buying holiday gifts, my husband and I made up small baskets of home-baked goodies for our friends and relatives with a note enclosed to let them know that we had made a donation to a food pantry. We sent the money we would have spent on gifts to LIFE (Love Is Feeding Everyone). Not only were our friends touched by the gesture, but many followed our lead and made donations as well.

If you aren't able to donate money, many organizations can use your time. One year I spent Thanksgiving helping to feed over 1000 people. It gave me a great sense of satisfaction, and I also had a terrific time.

There are several reputable programs providing services to the hungry and homeless here in the San Fernando Valley. All of them welcome community participation. The following are a few non-profit charity organizations that could really use your help.

*Haven Hills Family Violence Center of the San Fernando Valley Community Counseling Clinic and Battered Women's Shelter 887-6589 or 887-7481.*

Haven Hills provides a variety of services for battered women and their families including a residential shelter for women and children fleeing family violence. By virtue of its secret location, the shelter is a safe and pleasant environment where residents can stay for 30 days while making plans for the future. The shelter offers on-site counseling, a school program for children, and legal and financial guidance.

The organization additionally offers community outreach services including individual and group counseling sessions, parenting classes, journal workshops recovery classes and a hot line.

Haven Hills needs donations of food, paper goods, household and kitchen items, linens and bedding, toys, books, clothes, office supplies and equipment, but most especially, financial support. There is also a training program for volunteers.

A donation to this program guarantees that a safe harbor will continue to exist for women whose lives are in danger.

*Better Valley Services 767-1128 8000 Laurel Cyn Blvd. North Hollywood* Better Valley Services' program includes landlord tenant mediation and mortgage default counseling, advice on acquiring loans, community education, referral resources, and other assistance to help tenants stay in their homes. Food and clothing are available to the homeless.

What can people do to help? "Tell them to call Me! I would love to hear from you!" says director, Bonnie Robie.

The agency needs members on the board of directors and office volunteers. Cash donations are always welcome, and she says, "We never have enough diapers or baby formula."

Robie, who is a diligent advocate for tenants rights, has one more request, "Write Wilson," she says, "and say you do not like his budget cuts!"

*Womens Care Cottage Mailing: P.O. Box 451, Van Nuys, CA 91408 Day Center: 14242 Sylvan St., Van Nuys 786-7830 Residential Center: 6428 Whitsett, North Hollywood 753-1127* Womens Care Cottage has two locations, a day center and a residential center.

The drop in day center is available to homeless women and their children. It provides meals and walk-away food, showers, laundry facilities, clothing, personal care items, bus tokens, vocational counseling and referrals, as well as therapy.

The 15 bed residential center, which just opened last November, provides 60 day housing for recently homeless women and their children. According to Case Manager, Lori Shaw, during the 60 days, everything is done to help women gain financial independence and obtain affordable housing before they become chronically homeless.

With the exception of two paid employees, Womens Care Cottage is run by volunteers. They can use people to help do everything from clerical work to making sandwiches.

Shaw says that the most needed items are, food, milk, baby formula, diapers, money, bus tokens, personal care items, over-the-counter medications, and most especially, strollers and car seats.

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According to David, LIFE provides food for 108 agencies which feed 103,000 people a week in Los Angeles County. Some agencies provide food cooked on-site, others hand out bags of food.

LIFE needs volunteers to do public relations work, clerical and data entry duties. What they are most in need of are people willing to go to designated collection sites at cooperative supermarkets and ask patrons entering the market to purchase one extra can of food while shopping. They request a onehour a month time commitment.

These collections, which take place on the 3rd Saturday of every month, generate an exciting show of support from Shoppers.

"It is just amazing," she says, "how many people are willing to buy a few extra items."

If you are interested in becoming a volunteer, training orientations takes place at the above address the first Wednesday of every month.

Collection sites in the San Fernando Valley include the Hughes Markets at 12842 Ventura Blvd, 14440 Burbank Blvd, 6657 Laurel Cyn Blvd, 1100 N. San Fernando Rd, and 22333 Sherman Way. For a complete list of stores where food is collected call the above number. As with the other organizations named, cash donations are encouraged.

This is only a partial list of reliable programs helping the homeless. Do a little research and you will find the organization that best represents your priorities and philosophies. Even if you just drop off the old jeans you haven't used in years, or unused paper goods taking up space in your office, someone will benefit from not only the donation itself, but additionally, you will be letting someone in crisis know that someone cares enough to get involved.

You can continue to avert your eyes and hope the problem will just go away. But you might consider finding out how terrific it feels to be part of the solution.

# Pierce jolts Monarchs in second round of WSC play

By G.L. MARTINEZ
Staff Writer

Pierce College hammered out 11 hits and took advantage of four Monarch errors, as they defeated visiting L.A. Valley College in a Western State Conference game by the score of 8-1.

With the setback, Valley inched closer to a twenty loss season as they dropped to 4-9 in conference and 7-19-1 overall.

Pierce starter, Chris Brown, stifled the Monarch offense allowing only three hits and one earned run while going the distance for the Brahmas (8-5, 15-11).

Valley showed no life on offense as they hit into four double plays giving Pierce an easy victory. The Monarchs were instead "offensive on defense" as they committed four errors on routine plays. Pierce scored in every inning that an error was committed and jumped out to a 4-0 lead through four innings of play.

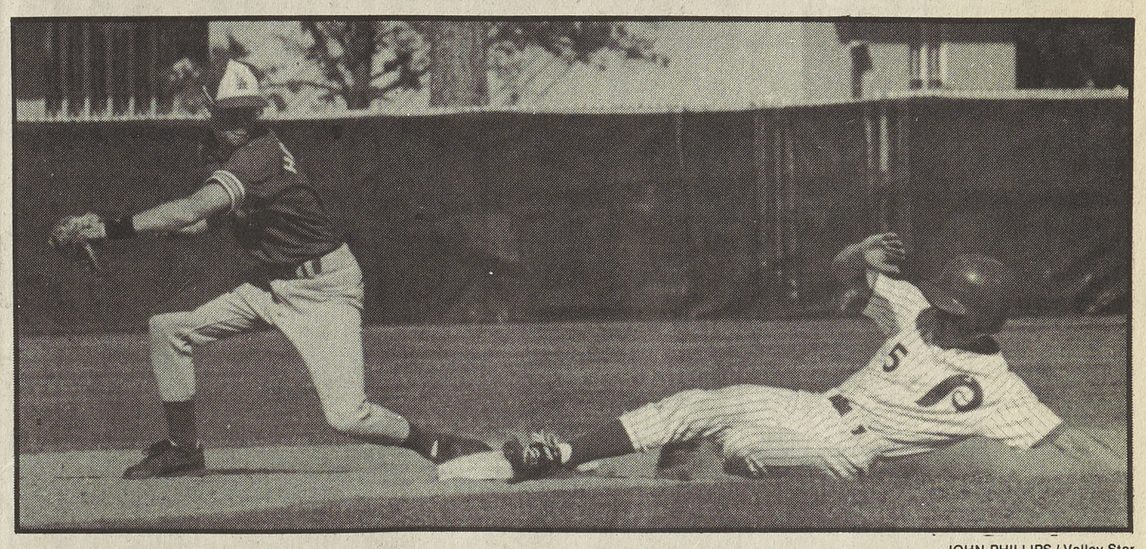
Valley posted its lone run in the fifth on a bases loaded hit by a pitch and remained quiet for the rest of the game.

Steve Trainor (4-5) suffered his fifth consecutive loss after being jolted for nine hits in five innings of work. Trainor also had to shoulder the burden of a team that offered very little support at the plate and with the glove.

At the start of the day Valley was tied with Bakersfield at 4-8 and second to last in the WSC. Although the loss may have hurt the Monarchs playoff hopes head coach Chris Johnson is not writing the season off just yet.

"We won't quit," said Johnson. "This team still needs to hang in there no matter what happens; we won't quit until we turn in our uniforms at the end," he said.

Valley will try to turn its season around today against Bakersfield at 2 p.m. at Valley.



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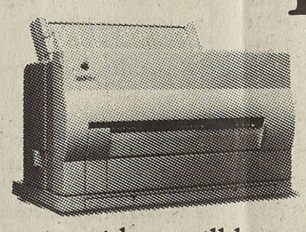

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# Swim team reels in a sinking loss

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After an afternoon of tough competition against Santa Monica College, the Monarch swim team had to settle for a 103-119 loss.

The women's team was edged out by only five points, 60-65, starting the meet with a tight win in the 200 medley relay (2:04.46). Robin Colvett continued to push the good start by taking first in the 50 backstroke (32.99) after opening a steady lead.

After that, Santa Monica took over the first place slot leaving second place to Hanna Smits-Van-Oyen in both the 200 freestyle (2:08.38) and the 500 freestyle (6:03.11), and Joy Thompson in the 50 freestyle (27.74).

Adding her share of points to the meet, Kisa Kirkpatrick took an aggressive lead in the 200 individual medley helping her set her best time this season (2:23.22) and setting Valley ahead by two points after placing first in the 100 butterfly (1:04.43)

The lead was maintained throughout five consecutive matches as the Lady Monarchs grasped all the first place slots. Jennifer Bartley brought in first for the 50 and the 100 freestyle (58.74), Smits-Van-Oyen for the 100 backstroke (1:13.84), Colvett for the 100 individual medley (1:11.07) and Kirkpatrick for the 100 breastroke (1:15.02).
The two-point lead was upset when Santa Monica edged the Monarchs out during the last laps of the 200 freestyle relay allowing the win.

Bill Krauss, head swim coach, said he was really pleased with the teams performance since many of them improved their times significantly. He also said he was sure the relay times would qualify them for the state meet.

The men's team managed to shorten a severe 26-point lead held by Santa Monica throughout most of the meet. Paul Kenny and Tim Smith were the only ones who managed to pull through with first place wins in the 500 freestyle (6:14.37) and the 200 breastroke (2:32.62) respectively.

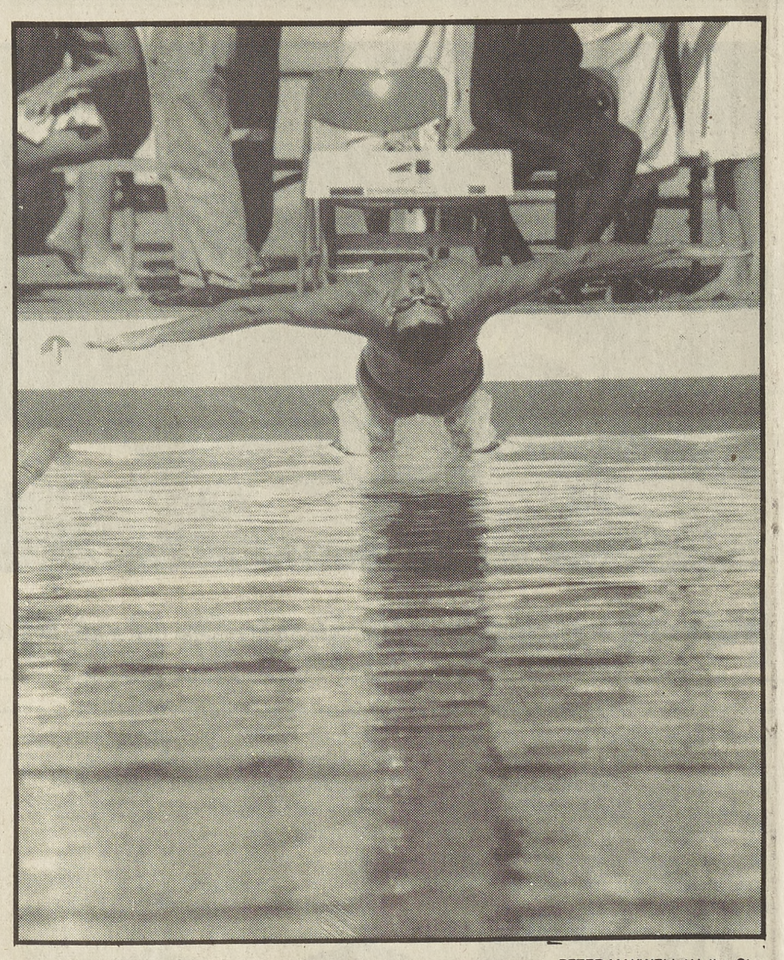
Many times the Monarchs gave up second place leads when Santa Monica swimmers sprinted to the finish in the last legs of the race.

Yet second place wins overall helped ease the point deficit for the Monarchs. The second place slots were filled by Brandon Linville in Anderson in the 50 freestyle (23.40) the 200 backstroke (2:37.92), John and the 100 freestyle (52.08), Paul Kenny in the 1000 freestyle (11:18.65), Tim Smith in the 200 freestyle (2:06.57) and Tim Fredericksen in the 200 butterfly (2:31.89).

Santa Monica also took first in the 400 medley relay and the 400 freestyle relay which added to the point gap.

Ray Smith and David Stelzer improved their individual performances in the diving events although they placed second and third respectively to Santa Monica.

Valley will rival College of the Canyons at home on April 19 at 2:30.



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**TAKE-OFF** — At the meet against Santa Monica Tuesday, Brandon Linville leaps into action at the start of the men's 200m backstroke. He took second in the race with a time of 2:37.92

# *Track star conquers Hep title; men's team slows to a crawl*

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Valley's track star, Melanie Clark, sped off with the SoCal heptathalon champion title for the second consecutive year on April 3 at Mount Sac College.

The sophomore went up against the best track and field athletes of the SoCal region and margined a 900-point lead over the second place winner from San Diego Mesa according to James Harvey, Valley's track coach.

Clark placed first in five out of seven events including the high jump (5'7), the hurdles (15.7), the shotput (36 ft.), the 200m (24.05) and the 800m (2:22). In the two remaining events, Clark held firmly to second place in the long jump (17.6) and third in the javelin (1.18).

The win did not come as a suprise to Clark, but she said the event did take a lot out of her, "Some of it was tough but there was nothing to look behind my back for," she said.

The sophomore's winning streak extended on to the Fresno Relays on April 5-6 where she helped place the team in the fourth place standing among the 30 top teams of the state that attended the meet.

Clark spurred the crowd when she streaked off during her split in the 1600m relay with a time of 52.80. The team came in third (3:55) but according to Harvey, Clark's time was her best ever, "There are no words to describe what happened," he said. "The minute she touched the baton, all everyone could do was ooh and aah. She had people rooting her on that she didn't even know, you would've even thought the announcer was from our team; But after it was all over she acted like it was just an everyday thing. All she said was, 'We gotta get them guys, Harvey; we gotta beat them.'"

The relay team took third in the 400m relay as well (49.00) and Clark took first place in the high jump (5'6), while Jennifer Stewart and Jill Camron placed second (1.28) and fourth (1.12) respectively in the javelin throw.

However Harvey is concerned about the rest of the team. Although team members, Camron, Pam Martin and Stewart are consistently bringing in second and third place wins, Harvey said the team is not yet running at full capacity. "We're not bad as far as women go, we just need to make a few adjustments," Harvey said.

The men's team continues to stagger through a tough mid-season. Robert Scott managed the only noticable win at the Fresno relays, placing first in the long jump (24.7).

"The men just haven't come full circle," Harvey said. "If they don't do it real quick we won't make it pass conference. Our intensity is too low and the guys just don't realize it; It's time to do it. It's time to line 'em up, put on those running shoes and race. They know that, they just haven't been doing it and those that aren't are going to be dropped in the conference finals," Harvey said.

The next meet, the Bruce Jenner Relays, will allow the team a final look at the competition and the last opportunity to make adjustments before the conference prelims. The Jenner Relays will be held at San Jose on April 12-13 beginning at 2:00 p.m.

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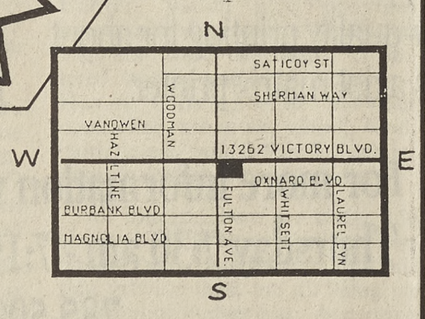


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